

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1.-59. (Cancelled)

60. (Currently amended) A mobile communication device comprising:
a transceiver;
a light unit having a plurality of light sources; and
a processor unit coupled to the transceiver and light unit, wherein the processor unit is configured to cause the light unit to output light from a selected one of the light sources to indicate a source of a received message and simultaneously to output light from a selected second of the light sources to indicate a second source of a second received message.

61. (Original) The mobile electronic communication device of claim 60, wherein the mobile electronic communication device is configured to receive messages of two or more types, wherein the processor unit is configured to cause the light unit to output the light with modulation that depends on the received message's type.

62. (Currently amended) The mobile electronic communication device of claim 60, wherein the each selected one of the light sources being lit is associated with a contact, and the each message is received from the associated contact.

63. (Original) The mobile electronic communication device of claim 62, wherein the light unit can simultaneously illuminate another light source to indicate that a message has been received from a contact associated with the other light source.

64. (Original) The mobile electronic communication device of claim 60, wherein the processor unit is configured to cause the light unit to output light with modulation that depends on an age of a message received by the mobile electronic communication device.

65. (Original) The mobile electronic communication device of claim 64, wherein the modulated light has a color that depends on the relative age of a received message.
66. (Original) The mobile electronic communication device of claim 64, wherein the modulated light has a blinking rate that indicates a number of unread messages received from a contact.
67. (Original) The mobile electronic communication device in claim 64, wherein the message is a most recent message received from a contact.
68. (Original) The mobile electronic communication device of claim 67, wherein the message is an unread message received from the contact.
69. (Original) The mobile electronic communication device of claim 64, wherein the relative age is indicated using a plurality of predetermined age categories.
70. (Original) The mobile electronic communication device of claim 69, wherein each age category of the plurality of age categories is represented by a predetermined color of light that can be outputted by the light unit.
71. (Original) The mobile electronic communication device of claim 70, wherein each age category of the plurality of age categories is represented by a predetermined number of light flashes within a cycle.
72. (Original) The mobile electronic communication device of claim 61, wherein the message is a SMS message.
73. (Original) The mobile electronic communication device of claim 60, wherein the mobile electronic communication device further comprises a touch-screen display in addition to or in lieu of the light unit, and the processor emulates said causing of the light unit to light a selected

one of a plurality of light sources to indicate receipt of a message from a source by rendering a virtual light unit having a plurality of virtual light sources on the touch-screen display, with a selected one of the virtual light sources manifesting an appearance of being illuminated.

74. (Original) The mobile electronic communication device of claim 60, wherein the light unit comprises an LED circuit having a plurality of LEDs configured to selectively output light having a color selected from a set of a plurality of preselected colors.

75. (Currently amended) A mobile electronic communication device comprising:
a transceiver; and

means coupled to the transceiver to output light to indicate a first source of a first received message and simultaneously to output light to indicate a second source of a second received message.

76. (Original) The mobile electronic communication device of claim 75, wherein the mobile electronic communication device is configured to receive messages of two or more types, wherein said means is configured to output light with modulation that depends on the received message's type.

77. (Original) The mobile electronic communication device of claim 75, wherein said means is configured to output light with modulation that depends on an age of a message received by the mobile electronic communication device.

78. (Currently amended) The mobile electronic communication device of claim 75, wherein ~~the~~each output light is associated with a contact, and ~~the~~each message is received from the associated contact.

79. (Original) The mobile electronic communication device of claim 75, wherein the mobile electronic communication device is configured to receive messages of two or more types,

wherein said means is configured to output light with modulation that depends on the received message's type and an age of the message received.